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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, cited in an office action for the corresponding European Patent Application and listed in the attached from PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. 1.56c most knowledgable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits the text of the official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. Patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statements of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign patent application under the laws of the that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present

understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and be formally made of record in the application.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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Respectfully submitted,

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